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CHARGE AIR AND METHOD FOR OPERATION OF
SUCH A CIRCUIT ARRANGEMENT

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT
UNDER 37 CFR §1.56

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Sir:

Submitted herewith on Form PTO/SB/08 is a listing of documents known to Applicants in order to comply with Applicants' duty of disclosure pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56.

A copy of each non-U.S. patent document and each non-patent document is being submitted to comply with the provisions of 37 CFR §1.97 and §1.98.

The submission of any document herewith, which is not a statutory bar, is not intended as an admission that such document constitutes prior art against the claims of the present application or that such document is considered material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56(b). Applicants do not waive any rights to take any action which would be

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TIMING OF THE DISCLOSURE

The listed documents are being submitted in compliance with 37 CFR §1.97(c), before the mailing date of either a final action under 37 CFR §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 CFR §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application.

RELEVANCE OF EACH DOCUMENT

Document A1 listed on the attached PTO/SB/08 was cited in a Chinese Office Action issued in a counterpart Chinese application on October 26, 2007. A copy of the Chinese Office Action is attached.

Document A1 relates to a preheater for automobile engine.

Copies of U.S. Patent Nos. 4,325,219 and 2003/0015183 cited in the Chinese Office Action are not being provided since they were previously submitted to the United States Patent & Trademark Office in the above-identified application on June 19, 2006.

Unless otherwise indicated, no English translation is readily available (not considering machine-generated translations that may be freely available online, to both the Applicants and the PTO) for the non-English language document. Inasmuch as Applicants have endeavored to provide at least one item that complies with the requirement for a “concise explanation of relevance” for the non-English language document, this document has been submitted in compliance with the PTO requirements and should be considered by the Examiner (37 CFR §1.97, §1.98 and MPEP §609).

Applicants respectfully request that the listed document be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the present application and that an initialed copy of Form PTO/SB/08 be returned in accordance with MPEP §609.


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Respectfully submitted,

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